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English 7

**“Popocatepetl and Ixtlaccihuatl: Mexican Legend” by Juliet Piggott Wood**

**Directions:** Read “Popo and Ixtla” (pages 857-865) and then answer the following questions.

**Critical Thinking:**

1. Give the definition of a **Legend** from page 815 in your lit book. The siege of Tenochtitlan probably did take place in history, but what details from the story make “Popo and Ixtla” a legend?
2. Why do you think ancient peoples made legends about things like volcanoes, earthquakes, and seasons?

**Reading Comprehension:**

1. What are Ixtlaccihuatl and Popocatepetl outside modern-day Mexico City? (P. 858)
2. List two reasons why Ixtla became more “serious.” (P. 859)
3. Why did the Emperor of Tenochtitlan not let Ixtla marry? (P. 859)
4. What bribe did the Emperor offer to the warrior who could lift the siege of Tenochtitlan? (P. 861)
5. What one reason is given for why some of the warriors tell the Emperor that Popo died? (P. 863)
6. How does Ixtla die? (P. 864)
7. What does Popo spend the rest of his life doing? (P. 865)
8. According to the legend, what causes the volcano to smoke? (P. 865)